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Sir:

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.114 concerning a "submission" to be filed with a Request for Continued Prosecution, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated 5 April 2004.

This Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination constitutes a refilling of the content of Applicants' Second Amendment in Response to Official Action Under Ex Parte Quayle filed on 31 August 2004. Applicants respectfully note that this Amendment and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination are being filed within the time period allowed for the filing of a Brief on Appeal following their filing of a Notice of Appeal on 1 October 2004 for the purpose of providing additional time for the Examiner to receive and act upon Applicants' Second Amendment in Response to Official Action Under Ex Parte Quayle. Applicants further respectfully note that their undersigned representative has been informed by the Examiner by telephone that their Second Amendment in Response to Official Action Under Ex Parte Quayle still has not been received by him for action despite the fact that that document was duly received and logged in by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 25 August 2004.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified case be amended as follows prior to its further substantive consideration by the Examiner in this Request for Continued Examination proceeding: